

✓ Emergency pulls Tucker out of vote

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House Speaker Jim Tucker, R-Terrytown, had to abruptly leave the State Capitol on Thursday just as a panel prepared to vote on his plan to redraw the 105 election districts for state representatives.



Tucker

Tucker's departure to handle an emergency at home delayed action on the legislation. The plan, House Bill 1, originally

was scheduled for a vote by committee on Thursday so that, under legislative rules, the full House could vote on Sunday evening.

His departure delayed the committee vote on HB1 until Friday afternoon. A vote by the full House is scheduled for later in the week.

So what was the emergency?

Tucker explained Friday that there had been a fire at one of his apartment complexes which caused significant damage and he had received a report of an injured employee.

It turned out the employee had smoke inhalation and was fine, Tucker said.